

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Bobby Vanatta on the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Duck River Electric Membership Corporation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those estimable citizens who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Bobby Vanatta, who has served his community and the State of Tennessee for many years with distinction in a variety of important and meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vanatta has recently announced his intention to retire from his long and esteemed service as a member of the Board of Directors of Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC); and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the ideal of the consummate public servant and embodying the best of his community, he has represented the members of DREMC in Bedford and Rutherford counties with acumen and alacrity since being first elected to the Board in 1988, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, peers, and the membership as a whole, for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, currently, he also serves his community with the utmost professionalism and integrity as a member of the Bedford County Commission, representing the Second District for the past twenty-seven years; as a member of the Bedford County Commission, he has served the Commission in a number of capacities, including acting as a member of the Finance Committee for over nineteen years and serving as its vice-chairman and chairman at various times, and he has served as chairman of the Bedford County Solid Waste Board for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in his community, Mr. Vanatta has committed his time and energy to a number of noteworthy civic organizations, including, among others, as a member and past president of the Shelbyville Jaycees, member and former chairman of the Bedford County Farmers Co-op Board of Directors, and as a member of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association; and

WHEREAS, his abilities and expertise have also been called upon by the agricultural community in several significant leadership roles, including acting as Tennessee Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture from 1995 until 1996, district director of the Tennessee Farmers Co-op from 1971 until 1980, president of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Farmers Co-op from 1974 until 1975, public director of the Tennessee Farmers Co-op from 1980 until 1986, director of the Tennessee Soybean Association from 1977 until 1988, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Soybean Association Market Development Foundation in 1979; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he has been the recipient of several prestigious honors for his innovative leadership within the agricultural community, including the Tennessee Jaycees Outstanding Farmer of the Year in 1970, the Bedford County Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year for 1989, and as Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year for Tennessee in 1995; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Bobby Vanatta has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his family, colleagues, and fellow citizens alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Bobby Vanatta our heartfelt thanks for his many contributions to making Tennessee an even better place to live, applaud his dedication and commitment to public service, and wish him every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.